

No. 09/390,174, filed on September 7, 1999, pending; and of 29/123,227, filed on May 12, 2000, pending. Priority to the foregoing applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. This application is also related to provisional application serial number 60/181,622, filed February 10, 2000, the priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).--

The amendments are based on the assumption that the Second Preliminary Amendment was entered. Therefore, the language included in the Second Preliminary Amendment is the language that is amended in the subject preliminary amendment. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any aspect of this Second Preliminary Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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